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WESTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA
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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

WESTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA

LAFAYETTE DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	*	CRIMINAL NO.: 6:16-CR-0035
	*	18 U.S.C. §§ 241, 242, 2
VERSUS	*	
	*	JUDGE MINALDI
BYRON BENJAMIN LASSALLE	*	MAGISTRATE JUDGE WHITEHURST

BILL OF INFORMATION

THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY CHARGES:

INTRODUCTION

At all times relevant to the Bill of Information:

1. The Defendant was employed by the Iberia Parish Sheriff's Office (IPSO) as a member of the Narcotics Unit, in New Iberia, Louisiana.
2. Inmates C.O., S.S., and A.D were pre-trial detainees housed at the IPJ.

COUNT 1
CIVIL RIGHTS CONSPIRACY
18 U.S.C. § 241

On or about April 29, 2011, at the Iberia Parish Jail (IPJ) in the Western District of Louisiana, the Defendant, BYRON LASSALLE, willfully combined, conspired, and agreed with other law enforcement officers, to injure, oppress, threaten, and intimidate inmates, including C.O., S.S., and

A.D. in the free exercise and enjoyment of the right, secured and protected by the Constitution and laws of the United States, not to be deprived of liberty without due process of law, which includes the right to be free from the use of excessive force amounting to punishment by a law enforcement officer.

Specifically, the Defendant agreed with other officers to unjustifiably assault and injure restrained and/or compliant inmates in the chapel at the IPJ, where there were no video surveillance cameras. It was part of the agreement that officers who witnessed these unlawful assaults would not intervene to stop them.

COUNT 2
DEPRIVATION OF RIGHTS UNDER COLOR OF LAW
18 U.S.C. § 242

On or about April 29, 2011, at the Iberia Parish Jail (IPJ) in the Western District of Louisiana, the Defendant, BYRON LASSALLE, while acting under color of law and while aided and abetted by others, willfully deprived C.O., a pre-trial detainee, of the right, protected and secured by the Constitution and laws of the United States, not to be deprived of liberty without due process of law, which includes the right to be free from the use of excessive force amounting to punishment by a law enforcement officer. Specifically, the Defendant assaulted inmate C.O. in the chapel of the IPJ, a place not covered by the jail's video-surveillance system. The offense involved the use of a baton, a dangerous weapon, and resulted in bodily injury to C.O.

COUNT 3
DEPRIVATION OF RIGHTS UNDER COLOR OF LAW
18 U.S.C. § 242


On or about April 29, 2011, at the Iberia Parish Jail (IPJ) in the Western District of Louisiana, the Defendant, BYRON LASSALLE, while acting under color of law and while aided and abetted by others, willfully deprived S.S., a pre-trial detainee, of the right, protected and secured by the Constitution and laws of the United States, not to be deprived of liberty without due process of law, which includes the right to be free from the use of excessive force amounting to punishment by a law enforcement officer. Specifically, the Defendant assaulted S.S. in the chapel of the IPJ, a place not covered by the jail's video-surveillance system. The offense involved the use of a baton, a dangerous weapon, and resulted in bodily injury to S.S.


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